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- 1. After the break of Yugoslavia with the Cominform, strategic food dumps were set up by the Yugoslav Government to provide food for the national army and guerrilla forces in the event of an invasion by the Soviet and/or satellite countries. These included:
  - a. The removal from the Danube River bank, in the vicinity of Sombor, of ten or more electrically driven grain mills. These were set up again in Bosnia in the Uzice area.
  - b. The construction of large underground silos in caves, et cetera, in the Uzice area for use by the army when it had to withdraw from the Vojvodina plain.
  - c. The construction of similar large grain stores and food dumps in the Montenegrin hills for the ultimate use of guerrillas.
- The grain for these food reserves was obtained from surplus stocks set aside after the compulsory government purchase of the 1949 grain harvest and by depleting stocks originally provided for General Markos in Macedonia.
- 3. Recently, as a result of increased military aid from the United States, it has been possible to amend the defense plan to a defense of the Vojvodina and Varazdin areas, east of the Nis-Belgrade-Zagreb highway and the railroad line running parallel to this road, without recourse to immediate retreat to the Bosnian hills. Additional large food dumps have therefore been placed in the hillsides in the Varazdin, Nasice and Fruska Gora area.
- 4. The recent purchases by the Yugoslav Government of large stocks of grain from abroad have nothing to do with these strategic plans. They are merely a move to keep down prices this year now that the regulation provided for compulsory sale of grain by the peasants to the government has been relaxed.

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